



Online Instructions

Initial Application for Dispensing Optician License

PLEASE READ the application instructions, statutes, and regulations before completing your application. Please retain this information for future reference. **YOU MUST HOLD A PERMANENT LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A DISPENSING OPTICIAN IN ALASKA.**

The following must be received by the division before your application for licensure by examination can be reviewed:

1. VERIFICATION OF TRAINING/WORK EXPERIENCE

If you completed the required hours of training as an apprentice, a completed Apprentice Termination of Sponsorship/Verification of Training form (#08-4151b) is required. The accompanying Check Sheet Verification (#08-4151c) must be submitted with the Apprentice Termination of Sponsorship/Verification of Training form.

If you completed the required hours of experience as a practicing optician, a completed verification of work experience as a dispensing optician form (#08-4151e) is required.

2. EXAM SCORES

Verification of passing the applicable examination under AS 08.71.090 within the last five years.

3. APPROVED COURSE

Verification of passing the Career Progression Program (CPP) sponsored by the National Academy of Opticianry (NAO) or another approved program that the department determines is equivalent for spectacles and/or the Contact Lens Society of America (CLSA).

4. VERIFICATION OF LICENSE

If you previously held or currently hold a professional license, a completed verification of license form (#08-4151d) is required.

LICENSE STATUS:

Licenses are issued for a two-year period and expire on **June 30** of **ODD**-numbered years, regardless of the date of issuance, except licenses issued within 90 days of the expiration date are issued to the next biennial expiration date. One renewal notice will be mailed at least 30 days before license expiration to the last known address of record.

"YES" RESPONSES:

A "Yes" response in the application does not mean your application will be denied. If you have responded "Yes" to any professional fitness questions in the application, be sure to submit a signed and dated explanation, and both charging and closing court documentation.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Please be aware that all information on the application form will be available to the public, unless required to be kept confidential by state or federal law. Information about current licensees, including mailing addresses, is available on the Division's website at ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.gov under License Search.

ADDRESS OR NAME CHANGE:

In accordance with 12 AAC 02.900, it is the applicant's/licensee's responsibility to notify the Division, in writing, of changes of address or name. Name and address change notification forms are available on the Division's website. The address of record with the Division will be used to send renewals and all other official notifications and correspondence. The name appearing on the license must be your current legal name.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS:

AS 08.01.060 and 08.01.100 require that a U.S. Social Security Number be on file with the division before a professional license is issued or renewed for an individual. If you do not have a U.S. Social Security Number, please complete the Request for Exception from Social Security Number Requirement form located at *ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov* or contact the Division for a copy of the form.

STALE DOCUMENTS:

Application forms, authorizations and verifications older than 12 months from the date the document was received by the division will be considered stale; the document must be resubmitted as appropriate before the application will be considered by the division or a licensing board. Application documents include the application documents and verifications of licensure from other licensing jurisdictions. (12 AAC 02.915)

ABANDONED APPLICATIONS:

Under 12 AAC 02.910, an application is considered abandoned when 12 months have elapsed since correspondence was last received from or on behalf of the applicant. An abandoned application is denied without prejudice. At the time of abandonment, the division will send notification to the last known address of the applicant, who has 30 days to submit a written request for a refund of biennial license and other fees paid. The application fee will not be refunded. If no request for refund is received within that timeframe, no refund will be issued, and all fees will be forfeited.

PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT:

If the Alaska Child Support Enforcement Division has determined that you are in arrears on child support, you may be issued a nonrenewable temporary license valid for 150 days. Contact Child Support Services at (907) 269-6900 to resolve payment issues.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS:

The complete set of statutes and regulations for this program are available by written request or online at the Division's website: *ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov*

If you would like to receive notice of all proposed regulation changes for your program, please send a request in writing with your name, preferred contact method (mail or email), and the program you want to be updated on to:

REGULATIONS SPECIALIST

Email: *RegulationsAndPublicComment@Alaska.Gov*

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